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PART III

FLORES

Roworeke - Wailolong - Weol (Veol)

Flores (preliminary): I talked with Riekerk, 124 who was there three years ago, and got this: 647 The Assistant Resident at Ende is Twerida; the 485 Controleurs are Hettinga and Ariens; the Finance man is Fekkes. There are government station houses (pasanggrahans) at least in Ende, Detusoko, Wolowaru, Larantuka, Badjawa, Ruteng, Reo, and a place ten kilometers from Maumere.

131 Distances are: Maumere--Larantuka 130 km., Maumere--Ende 140 km., Ende--Badjawa 125 km., Badjawa--Ruteng 125 km., Ruteng--Reo 60 km. Running times, respectively, are 4, 5, 5, 6, and 2 hours.

634 The kepala daerah is the Radja of Sikka, Dom Tomas da Silva.

124 Possible kampongs for investigation are Sita, 50 km. south of Ruteng, or Ruteng kampong or one nearby, for Manggerai; Wologai, 50 km. east of Ende, and there is a pasanggrahan at Ndetosoko, 9 km. to the south, or a part of Ende itself, or Roworeke (population: five hundred) 161 near Ende in the hills, for Ende. The population of Ende is five thousand. The population of Maumere is about the same.

634 Kringa is the center of Tana Ai. There are many troubles here over the succession of the radjas and it has resulted in a number of difficult cases. He says to watch out.

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done in an excited pagan style, although on the occasion of a Christian festival. We saw clearly the difference between East and West Flores as far as racial composition is concerned. As you pass into Lio hills the proto-Malay becomes much more marked, though the Negroid element is still there. Some of the women are remarkably white. Such women are seldom or never seen in East Flores.

About the Malay here: When they want to say someone is converted, in Larantuka, they say that he "ikut Rom" [follows Rome]. The titles are interesting: the territorial priest of Flores is Tuan Regionale; then there are the Tuan Boswesen, Tuan Landbouw, Njonja HPB, Njonja AR (Assistant Resident), Njonja and Tuan Bestuur (Bestuurshoofd), and for a nun they do not use Njonja, but Tuan Zuster.

Note: The Controleur here is C. B. Arriens.

Although there is a general similarity in house style all over East and Central Flores, there are differences. The tremendous high roofs are typical of Lio and Ende. The flat and large four-sloped ridges are found in Larantuka, and in between, in Sikka and Tana Ai, there is an intermediate form, with the four-slope ridge a bit on the rounded off side, and the whole thing appears to be smaller.

In East Flores especially the bow is still used. We met a large band on Christmas not far from Larantuka with bows and spears. They were coming up from a kampong with a large church. I asked if they were going to war or to hunt, and they said they were going to hunt deer. I took a photograph of them. They are always glad to be photographed. I can hardly take photographs, however, because they all rush in to be included, especially the children.

The style of clothing changes from place to place, though here again there is a general